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FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652:GDS
TAGS: MASS, MPOL
SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE REPORTING

REF: (A) STATE 167901 (B) STATE 182987

1. EMBASSY DOHA REQUIRED TO SUBMIT REPORT UNDER PARA 3B(3)
(D) REF A.

2. STATE OF QATAR EXPECTED TO CONTINUE MAKING MINIMAL PURCHASES
OF SMALL ARMS AND NON-COMBAT MATERIALS ON COMMERCIAL BASIS.
PURCHASES ARE EITHER FOR QATAR ARMED FORCES OR POLICE FORCE
(WHICH HAS INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE, INCLUDING PORT/AIRPORT, HARBOR
SECURITY AND VIP SECURITY). DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN FEW THOUSANDS OF
DOLLARS. GOQ HAS REQUESTED LICENSE TO EXPORT 35 EA MACHINE
GUNS, 50 CAL., FOR POLICE. THIS IS LARGEST PURCHASE OF WHICH
EMBASSY IS AWARE.

3. FOLLOWING KEYED TO SUBPARAS, PARA 3 REF A:

(1) ONLY US INTEREST TO BE SERVED IS IN ENHANCING AND PRESERVING
IMAGE OF MODERATE, FRIENDLY HOST GOVERNMENT;
(2) PERCEIVED THREATS: EXTERNAL--SOVIET UNION, IRAQ, IRAN, IN
THAT ORDER; INTERNAL--NONE; STRATEGIES TO MEET THREAT--MAKE
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POWERFUL FRIENDS;
(3) U.S. MISSION PERCEPTION: THREE EXTERNAL THREATS CANCEL EACH
OTHER. SOVIETS STYMIED BY US;
(4) HOST COUNTRY REALIZES IT CAN MEET NO EFFECTIVE THREAT;
(5) N/A
(6) EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE ACCURATE FIGURES ON MILITARY
EXPENDITURES. ONE SOURCE IS GOQ MILITARY HAS USED FIGURE OF

DOLS 300 MILLION OVER FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, NOT INCLUDING MILITARY HOUSING WHICH IS PART OF SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM. GOQ SPENDING (TOTAL) FOR 1977 WAS APPROX DOLS 2 BILLION. NO STATISTICS AVAILABLE ON MILITARY IMPORTS. NO ACCURATE FIGURE ON GNP BUT EMBASSY USES BALLPARK FIGURE OF DOLS FOUR BILLION. NO FOREIGN EXCHANGE OR DEBT SERVICING PROBLEMS.

(7) N/A

(8) N/A

(9) N/A

(19) NO MAJOR PURCHASES CONTEMPLATED

(11) N/A

(12) N/A

(13) N/A

4. THIS CABLE SHOULD BE CLEARED WITH AMBASSADOR KILLGORE BEFORE TRANSMISSION TO SECDEF AND USCINCEUR.
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